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MAILBAG

On April 21, we sent a message on the Internet asking on-line users at Iowa State to tell us about their experiences in cyberspace. Below are a few of the responses we received. For more on what the Internet can do for you, read the cover story, The Inter-What?, beginning on page 10.

"It's a great resource for information. I can travel the globe without leaving my easy chair."

Matt Baumann
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"I love the Internet. It's a great source of entertainment that isn't as insulting as television. When you learn your way around newsgroups, you become a part of a whole subculture. It's quite interesting."

Ron Kim Sattler
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"The Internet is by far one of the most useful things I have ever used here at Iowa State. I use the Internet everyday. I can bring in pictures and use them in a report. I can ask an experienced programmer for assistance on a programming questions I have. The access is free of charge, so I can send messages without licking a stamp. The Internet is a very powerful and valuable tool for me. My life has changed for the better because of it, and all of it is available through my fingers here at the keyboard."

Christian J Reynolds
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"Being a computer science major, I find a lot of information on the Net very useful. I find programs that introduce new ideas, and when I have problems with those programs, I can usually find someone who has fixed that problem before."

Will Stoltenberg
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"When I first got to ISU, my roommate introduced me to the wide world of Internet. At first, I found it quite boring and pretty stupid. She had registered me on Vax and then on Vincent. However, we used to get into Vax more than Vincent. This is when I started to realize how exciting this actually was. Here I was in a computer lab at Towers talking to people from around the world. I loved it! Just the idea that you have access to so much information at your fingertips...it's amazing."

Anastasia Akrivos
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"The Internet is kind of like a big global village, where we can talk to a bunch of people from around the world without getting a huge phone bill every month, or waiting several weeks for mail. It's a great way to meet people. I have a friend who's going to London next year and she's met a ton of people through the Internet to hang out with when she gets there."

Cesar Perez-Gonzalez
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"Of all the options on the Internet, I like the 'talk' function because it lets you talk as long as you'd like. It's not the same as hearing the person's voice, but it gives you the chance to 'talk' about the day to day things you might leave out of a phone conversation because you are paying for the call."

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